





Saturday Morning, July 17, 1869.

THE question of compensation to officers who built residences at New Westminster is said to be still engaging the Executive Council, and may possibly be acted upon. We warn the Administration of the Government that any such procedure will meet with universal condemnation by the people, and we trust we will pause before lending his countenance to such an unjust appropriation of the people's money. It may be quite true that a resolution authorising compensation was passed through the Legislative Council; but no legislation can make a bad act a good one, and the mere fact of its having passed is no reason why it should be carried into operation, when it is likely to lead to public discontent. Can the present holders of office have some intimation that when the new Governor arrives their services will be dispensed with; and that they are in duty bound to secure as much public money as possible before leaving their comfortable position? If this is not the case, Governor Musgrave ought to be duly informed of the job when he arrives, and although the whole transaction may be perfectly legal, it might be made an excuse for a change in the positions held by the various participants. If the builders of the residences had lost their positions when the Capital was removed there would have been some excuse; but inasmuch as they have drawn salaries at the public expense ever since, when many of those who have assisted in paying their salaries from that time have been nearly ruined by so necessary a change, it looks very much like cruel heartedness to press the payment of their pound of flesh so completely regardless of every feeling of delicacy or common fairness. Possibly these gentlemen may think that in being discharged under the new order of things, as it is possible they may be, that they as prudent men, should make the best of their present position. If that is the view they take of the question it may accord with a certain code, but it is taking up a position in which they may commit a great error (i. e.) they may lose the substance by plunging after the shadow. If compensation be now insisted on they may, to a certain extent, attain their ends, but it will cost them all public respect, and when achieved will really amount to very little, as they will be closely watched and extravagant claims may result in decided opposition. What if they obtain a few dollars each? Will that repay them for public esteem and the refusal in a future possible claim for compensation on their being discharged? Will any citizen raise his voice in desiring the present incumbents to retain such positions as it may be thought necessary to fill, when the reduction of expenditure takes place? We say, decidedly not; and any possible claims otherwise admissible would, with the bad impression created by carrying out the present intentions of the claimants, be strenuously opposed.

THE vicinity of Cherry Creek is known to be rich in silver. Prospecting parties long ago established this fact, and at least one well defined lead has been discovered and located there. Specimens from this lead, assayed at San Francisco, showed great richness, and the late W. H. Sutton, of Yale, proposed investing a large sum of money in the enterprise by opening up the lead. It is highly probable that, had he been preserved to the Colony, the mine would to-day have been in successful operation. Under existing circumstances, little or no work is being done upon the lead for want of means; but it is proposed by several influential citizens to fit out a company and send them to prospect the entire district thoroughly. We have in our midst several miners who were at White Pine and Nevada during last spring, and they assert that they saw no indications of silver at either of those localities which would compare in richness with indications of a similar character at Cherry Creek. They come back to us, poorer in purse but richer in experience, to test the wealth of Cherry Creek. They propose to start for the silver leads and investigate them thoroughly during the few weeks that remain when active operations may be prosecuted. In this praiseworthy resolve they should be strengthened by the active co-operation of every man of means amongst us.

SOME of the Southern railroads are sadly out of repair. A local journal says of one of them: "This route is slow and sure. An experienced surgeon and undertaker are on every train. Passengers' valuables will be taken care of, whether slightly, seriously or fatally injured, or otherwise."

### Clumber House in the Hands of Bailiffs.

A correspondent, writing to the *Sheffield Independent*, says:—Having had occasion to be in the neighbourhood of Workshop on Saturday, I thought I would drive over as far as Clumber, the well-known country seat of the Duke of Newcastle. The afternoon was charmingly fine, and the whole place seemed vocal with the music of birds. Wherever sorrow abides surely it cannot be here, was the instinctive feeling amid the surroundings of such unmistakable evidence of wealth and luxury. At the left of the house there is a large paddock surrounded by a range of handsome new stables and outhouses; and in the paddock were a number of brood mares with foals running by their sides. I should think there were about a score of them and while looking at them one could not help thinking and feeling that, innocent though they were, they had in a sense been the cause of the disgrace that had fallen on their illustrious owner. Leaving this part of the park, I next turned round and walked to the left, which brought me on to the bridge which crosses a large and beautiful lake, and where you have a full front view of the house, connected with which is an old chapel, with richly-stained windows. This clear-water lake stretches as far as the eye can reach, and is laid out somewhat in the serpentine form. On its surface were to be seen swans in abundance and a great number of wild water-fowl, and here and there is an artificial weir or dam, over which the water falls with beautiful effect, and all this surrounded by magnificent trees, gives the place a charming effect; and yet, amid all this splendour, there seemed an air of neglect and dilapidation which betokened either poverty or carelessness. Things seemed everywhere to be running to seed or ruin. Looking at the house from the bridge, behind which there is a fine new church, the tall spire of which is conspicuous above the roof of the house. I observed that all the blinds in the house were drawn down, which seemed to indicate sorrow within; but it was not the sort of death, but disgrace, which in many senses is worse than death. The church and the paddocks were new—the work of the young duke. A taste for the turf, tempered with a tribute to the clergy, is an attempt to make the best of both worlds, which has so far proved a failure. Coming near to the house again, I made a few inquiries concerning the state of affairs, when I found that no less than eleven of the mysterious but very matters of fact people called bailiffs were inside. The only occupants are the servants, all of whom, I was informed, are under notice to leave. The bailiffs were stationed, like so many sentinels, in various parts of the house, and in some instances at the doors, and on various parts of the grounds. There was, consequently, a deep gloom cast over the place, and all that I came in contact with seemed to deeply deplore the sad condition of the family and the place. We were informed that Mr. Gladstone had been in the neighborhood only a few days ago, and was guest for the night with Lord Foley, at Workshop Manor. When it is remembered that the Premier is a trustee for the late Duke of Newcastle, his presence on the present occasion can be easily accounted for. The quiet, clean, and pretty little town of Workshop seems to be cast into deep mourning by the events at Clumber. When at the railway station, on my way home, who should I see but the veritable Padwick, Mr. Padwick, it will become bereft, has a claim of £95,000 against the duke, and it seems by his presence that the bailiffs and he, have some connection with each other.

A DELIGHTFUL RUSSIAN TOWN.—Mr. Consul Barrow, in his report on the trade and commerce of Kertch during the year 1868, states that the market prices have risen in every item, the necessities of life being in some instances double the amount they were sold for last year. There is one solitary little bank, which refuses to change a Bank of England note, though ready to lend money on it for interest, and which is content at the close of the year to show a balance on the credit side of something less than £100. The population shows a marked tendency to increase, but the number of murders, suicides and assassinations keep it at par. There are no public works except the battery, nor are there likely to be any improvements, as nobody seems to take any interest in the amelioration of the town. Mr. Barrow's account of the progress of crime should excite the admiration of our roughs and burglars. He says it is fearfully on the increase. Robberies, murders and suicides succeed each other, and although the police are unwilling to make known the exact figures, it is supposed that not less than fifty people have been murdered during the past year, some in broad noon-day and in frequented places, and about twelve have destroyed themselves; these latter belonged principally to the better classes—generals, colonels and young ladies figuring on the list. On each occasion the suicide was effected by means of a revolver. The police, about seven in number, are in every respect inefficient, and are constantly in a state of intoxication.

An 'habitual criminal' was convicted lately at the Middlesex sessions. He was 29 years of age, and had previously undergone seven sentences of imprisonment and penal servitude. He was now ordered to be kept in penal servitude for ten years. At the same sessions the prisoners charged with having committed a robbery at the residence of Colonel Teesdale, equerry to the Prince of Wales, were sentenced to two years hard labor.

**FEARFUL DEATH OF A YOUNG WIFE.**—The wife of Ezekiah Greenlee, of Meigs County West Virginia, was instantly killed one day last week under the following circumstances: In company with her husband she was returning home by a near path through the woods from a neighbor's where her husband had been at work through the day. They were walking hand in hand, not dreaming of any danger, when a dead tree they had just passed suddenly fell, brushing the shoulder of Greenlee and striking his wife on the top of the head, crushing her to the earth in one solid mass, breaking every bone in her body so that her remains could not be recognized as those of a human being. Mr. Greenlee was not injured in the least, further than being stunned for a few moments. The evening was a calm one, and it is supposed that the tree, which was rotten at the roots, gave way from its weight. Mrs. G. had been married a little less than six weeks.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser*, June 17.

A new feathering screw has been introduced by Messrs. Laird Brothers, of Birkenhead. They have patented an arrangement which has just been put to a test in the Kathleen, a yacht constructed for the Marquis of Downshire, and the results obtained on trial are so far very satisfactory. It was found that with the screw feathered the yacht not only had a speed of 1½ to 2 knots more than with the screw fixed, but that she was more lively in coming round. It was thus clearly shown that the drag of the screw not only affected the speed through the water, but prevented the ship working so satisfactorily as she did when the blades of the screw were feathered fore and aft, and we look with interest for reports of further trials.

We (*Bristol Post*) are sorry to say that grave fears are entertained for the recovery of Mr. Whalley, M. P., who it may be remembered met with an accident when driving his daughter in a carriage two or three weeks ago, near his seat in Wales. The hon. gentleman was thrown out with such violence as to receive several severe contusions and wounds.

### New Advertisements.

**HENRY NATHAN Jr & Co**

#### OFFER FOR SALE.

**EX RECENT ARRIVALS.**

Prints, Dark, Fancy and Light  
Grey Cotton,  
French Merino, Alpaca, Coburgs  
Camlets, Poplins, Plaids, &c.  
Mohair Skirts; Irish Linen and Red  
Flannel  
Jackets, Mantels, Parasols, Chintz  
Oiled Silk, Ribbons, Threads  
&c., &c.

#### Shawls

Wool, Tasmania, Saxony, &c., &c.

#### Blankets

9-4 & 10-4, White.

500 Boxes Price's Belmont Spectrum  
candles

ardines, Albert's, hils & qrs  
Pickles, pils

Figs, large and small boxes  
Currants, Sultanias, Raisins  
Vinegar, Malt

Meats and Soups  
Salt Soda

Grain Sacks, 2-bushel, Twine, Seaming  
and assorted

Chollett's compressed Vegetables  
Beans, &c., &c.

Anchors with Test Certificates  
Chains with Test Certificates

Sheet Lead, 4lb & 5lb  
Shot, Ball and Brass Wire

Yellow Metal sheathing & Nails  
Tin Plate, IX, Charcoal

Hemp & cotton seine Twine  
Barbour's shoe Thread No 10,

Bleached  
Fish Lines, Hooks, &c.

Trousers, Pilot, Doe, Ribbed and ain  
Tweed, Black Cloth, Molekins, &c.,

Vests, Black Cloth and Pilot  
Hats, Hosiery, Regatta Shirts,

White do  
Black & Red Cloth

Baltic Shirts, with and without Collars,  
Over do., Serge do.

Inverness Capes, assorted  
Boys' Suits, a large assortment

Neckties, Umbrellas, Hdkfs, &c.  
Hennessy Brandy

Jamaica Rum 30 O. P.  
Port, Hunt's

Sherry, Duff Gordon's  
Old Tom, Swaine, Boord & Co.'s, case

and bulk.  
Gin, Hollands, Red and Green, case and

bulk  
Orange Bitters, Scotch Whiskey  
AND

### GROCERIES

A Full Assortment.

HENRY NATHAN, Jr. & Co.

July 17

Wharf Street,

### New Advertisements.

**Ex California Steamers!**

FOR SALE  
ORANGES, LEMONS, Limes,  
And all kinds of Fresh and Dried Fruits.

—ALSO—  
An assortment of  
GROCERIES,  
DRY GOODS,  
BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

**SIDNEY PITTS,**

Commission Merchant,  
Wharf street, cor. Fort.  
N. B. begs to inform the Traders of British Columbia and the South that orders placed in his name for American Merchandise will receive prompt attention.  
Consignments of California Fruits received by each steamer. July 16 Im

#### LOST.

**YESTERDAY ABOUT 4 O'CLOCK**, probably on Yates street or Government street, a LADY'S GOLD WATCH with enameled case, diamonds on the outside of both. It was attached to a gold chain with a hook. If leaving the above at Watson's Jewellery store, Government street, the finder will be suitably rewarded. July 14

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE COAL MINING COMPANY (Limited.)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT the ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the above-named Company for July, will be held in the Council Chambers, corner of Broad and Front streets, Victoria, on Wednesday the 21st inst., at 1 o'clock p.m.  
H. GASTON, Secretary.  
Victoria, July 13th, 1869.  
July 14

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE COAL MINING COMPANY (Limited.)**

Victoria, July 13th, 1869.

**EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST**—Not having the fear of the "Phunny Phellow" (who does the correspondence) for the Company before my eyes, I am about to put myself in the category of persons who are called in the genuine colloquial vernacular of the Board "contemptible croakers." I must confess to the weakness, that I do not feel satisfied with a five years' continuous null. Being somewhat puzzled to reconcile the contradictory reports from the mine published on the return of the Sparrowhawk and the Otter, I was desirous as I had wasted many thousand dollars on garbled reports, to get further information. I therefore went to the Company's office in Truncheon Alley, and was told by the Secretary that he had received orders not to allow any shareholder to see the business letters and reports sent from the mine on the Company's affairs, nor any plan or specification of contracts, I could not therefore reconcile the difference. Perhaps the anonymous correspondent will do so—nothing but the great ignorance which was caused by so many failures, making mountains out of molehills, could at the present day have induced a Board to put forth so damaging a resolution. Some shareholders say it does not arise from ignorance, but impudence. I believe in the original idea that ignorance will go further than impudence, and that the two combined will qualify any individual for a Queen Charlotte Director or Manager.  
July 14 St. A SHAREHOLDER.

**LD. LOWENBERG.**  
REAL ESTATE AGENT.

Government street, near corner of Broughton  
**WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION** to selling, purchasing and leasing property; to negotiating loans and transacting everything connected with Real Estate business.  
Map of all the different Districts on the island may be seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing home-steads, or making investments, will find on his Bulletin Board Town Lots on nearly every street; Far line of Gardening Land in every District, some of which afford rare chance for investment.  
Money on bond and mortgage on loan, in sum to suit the demands.  
Conveyances of every description done at reasonable rates.  
July 14 Im

### Forwarding Notice

**J. C. BEEDY**  
I PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE THE prompt forwarding of Freight from Yale to Cariboo, and will have the same transported by the most reliable mode from Queenstown to William Creek.  
I will not hold myself responsible for Damage on Oils or Liquids shipped in tins or glass, or for unavoidable detention caused by breakage of bridges, Roadblocks, or any other contingency beyond his control, unless by special contract made in writing in respect of such goods at the time of shipment.  
J. C. BEEDY.  
Yale, May 14th, 1869. my 17 3m

**F. DALLY**  
Desires to inform the Inhabitants of Victoria and its vicinity, that he has returned from the Upper Country with a Choice Collection of

### New Photographic Views

OF  
Mountain Scenery and other highly interesting Subjects.  
**CARTES DE VISITE.**  
GROUPS.

And Views taken with the greatest care and in the best style of Photographic Art, and warranted to give satisfaction.  
The Gallery is situated on Fort street, VICTORIA, B. C. my 17 3m d&w

**Bass' Ale,**  
NO. 3 AND INDIA PALE,

IN BULK—  
FOR SALE BY  
**HENRY NATHAN, JR. & CO.**  
July 14 Im Wharf street, Victoria

**To the Public.**

**PARIS CARTER CAN BE FOUND AT** the office of Mr. FRANKLIN, Auctioneer, Yates at, and will carefully and promptly attend to all matters entrusted to him, such as carriage and delivery of Letters, Parcels, etc., or taking charge of property or places of business.  
29, Residence—PANDORA ST., near St. Louis College. July 5

### PANDORA HOUSE,

Adjoining the Synagogue, Pandora St.

**SINGLE GENTLEMEN COMFORTABLY** accommodated with Board and Lodging, or Board only.

**Terms Moderate.**  
July 12 Im

### TO LEASE.

**THE TWO FINE NEW BRICK STORES** with iron fronts and stone basements, corner of Government and Front streets, will be ready for occupation on or about the 1st of August. For Particulars, apply to  
THOS. C. NUTTALL,  
Insurance and General Agent  
Government Street  
July 13

### Angela College.

**ALL CLAIMS AGAINST ANGELA** College, are requested to be sent in, and all sums due to Parsonage, to be paid to the Lady Principal on or before the 7th July next.

By order of the Board of Management,  
E. GRAHAM ALSTON, Hon. Sec.  
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### NOTICE.

**THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS TO INFORM** his Friends and the Public that he has taken the GROCERY STORE lately occupied by Mr. PULLER, at the corner of BROAD and PANDORA STREETS, where he hopes by strict attention to Business to have a share of the public patronage.  
HENRY CHILD.  
22 Fresh Milk Twice a Day—

### New Advertisements.

**A. B. CRAY,**  
Government Street.

Has received by last Steamer a choice and complete assortment of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, comprising,

**New  
SUMMER  
Goods**

Black and Fancy Silks,  
Irish Poplins,  
French Merinoes,  
Fancy Dress Goods,  
Abyssinian Cloths,  
Glace and Alpaca Lustres,  
Spanish and Pusher Shawls,  
Paisley and Rich Broche Shawls,  
Silk Jackets and Mantles,  
Prints and Gingham,  
Parasols and Sunshades,  
Gloves and Hosiery,  
Ladies' Underclothing,  
Children's ditto,  
Hats, Trimmings, &c.

New Goods received monthly overland, direct from the best European markets.

### OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE.

**WILSON'S**

Large Stock of

**SUMMER CLOTHING,**

NEEDS LITTLE ADVERTISING,

As on inspection it is found to combine

All the Newest Styles and Patterns

WITH GOOD QUALITY & LOW PRICES!

**GRELLEY & FITTER,**

IMPORTERS,  
And Wholesale Dealers

[IN FINE

**ENGLISH, FRENCH,**

AND  
**AMERICAN LIQUORS,**

Champagnes, Cognacs, Claret and Whiskies,

In the STONE BUILDING, opposite the "Royal Hotel,"  
Wharf street, Victoria, Vancouver Island.

**AGENTS FOR**

Napoleon's Cabinet and Bouche Champagne,  
Hotter's Bitters

Baker's Bitters  
Sansevain's California Wines and Bitters,  
Bancroft Cider

**A LARGE STOCK OF**

Bonded Wines, Brandies  
Ale and Porter

ALWAYS ON HAND.

**Municipal Notice.**

**Sidewalks.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, THAT all Sidewalks within the City Limits must be placed in good repair and properly nailed down to the bearers, in default of which the Mayor and Council will cause the same to be done at the expense of the parties concerned.  
For order of the Mayor and Council.  
June 26th, 1869 W. LEIGH, C. M. O. July 1

**Buy It and Try It!**

**RUSSELL'S**

**PURE COFFEE!!**

**NO CHICORY!**

**NO BEANS!**

**NO ADULTERATION!**

**THOMAS RUSSELL, GROCER AND**

Coffee Roaster, keeps constantly on hand choice Family Groceries, Teas and Provisions.  
**FARMER'S PRODUCE** taken in exchange.  
**COR. FORT AND BLANCHARD STS.**  
July 23

**CROWN HOTEL,**

Esquimalt, V. I.

The nearest Hotel to the

**STEAMBOAT LANDING,**

And the largest and best conducted Hotel in Esquimalt,  
Superior Accommodation for Families and Travellers.

**A Restaurant**

is attached to the Establishment, where the best Market affords can be obtained at all hours.

THOS. TUGWELL, Proprietor.

**Notice.**

**FROM THIS DATE UNTIL FURTHER** notice, the Steamer

**LILLOET**

Will leave  
**NEW WESTMINSTER FOR YALE**

**EVERY SATURDAY ONLY,**

Returning the TUESDAY following, carrying BARNARD'S EXPRESS.  
New Westminster, July 3d, 1869  
N. B. The above Steamers will not be responsible for Leakage of Liquids shipped in Tins or Glass.  
July 5

### Clean Your Chimneys.

**BENJAMIN WAKEFIELD BEGS TO** inform the Public of Victoria that, having had many years experience in Sweeping and Cleaning Chimneys, and preventing their smoking, he is prepared to execute all orders in that line, general work included.  
Orders left at Fell & Co's store on Fort Street, or at the third house East of the Bavaria Brewery, will be promptly attended to.  
my 17 3m

### RAFFLE.

**ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH**, several valuable prizes will be raffled at the AMERICAN HOTEL, Yates street.

For the Benefit of the

**SISTERS OF ST. ANN:**

The articles—A Diamond Ring, Gold Chains, etc., may be seen at the above named place, where also TICKETS may be obtained at ONE DOLLAR each.  
The money will be used for the construction of a Sewer.  
July 5

### SECOND

**Annual Pic-Nic**

[OF THE VICTORIA

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**THE SECOND ANNUAL PIC-NIC OF** the Victoria Fire Department will be held on

**SATURDAY, the 24th of JULY, 1869,**

...AT...

**Medina's Grove.**

Rear of Government Buildings, James Bay.

A fine commodious Platform will be erected for Dancing Games, various Sports, Swings, &c., will be provided for the amusement of the Visitors.

**TICKETS.....ONE DOLLAR**

**COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.**

John Kriemler, Chief Engineer; John Vogel, Assistant Engineer; John Dickson, President Board of Delegates; Thomas Burns, Foreman Tiger No. 2; Thomas Golder, Foreman Dunge No. 1; C. E. Bunting, Foreman Union Hook and Ladder Co.; A. F. Keyser, First Assistant Tiger No. 2; James Orr, Second Assistant Tiger No. 2; Edward Dickinson, First Assistant Union 1; Henry Foreman, Second Assistant Union 1; Henry North, First Assistant Dunge 1; John Crowther, Second Assistant Dunge 1.

Refreshments will be provided on the Grounds.  
LADIES AND CHILDREN FREE. July 2.

**FRANKLYN RESTAURANT,**

Cor. Government and Cormorant Streets,

Victoria, V. I.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS LEASED** the above premises, and having thoroughly refitted them, is prepared to supply boarders with the most comfortable and pleasant accommodations at a moderate market can afford. Meals at all hours during the day.  
July 5 M. WHITE, Proprietor.

**CEDAR HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

#### NOTICE.

**A MEETING OF THE INHABITANTS** of this District will be held at 2 o'clock p.m. on SATURDAY the 24th inst., at Cedar Hill Church, to take steps towards opening a School and to devise ways and means for carrying it on.

**BOUNDARY OF CEDAR HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT.**  
Commencing where the boundary line of section III, Victoria District, meets the salt water at Rock Bay; thence W and N along salt water to a point where the N W boundary line of section I, Victoria District, intersects the N boundary line of said section and in a direct line to the Saanich line; thence along said road to the boundary line between Lake and Victoria Districts; thence along the boundary line to salt water at Cordova Bay; thence S and E along the coast to the boundary line of the Victoria School District at Oak



Saturday Morning, July 17, 1889.

## Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED

July 16.—Schooner Black Diamond, Rudlin, Nanaimo  
Slip Mast Dike, San Juan.

CLEARED.

July 16.—None

**CO-OPERATION IN AMERICA.**—It is a singular fact that the co-operative stores which have been tried in the United States have nearly all turned out to be failures. A very excellent building association was established in New York on the co-operative principle, but it soon collapsed. The proprietors of some large iron works set up a store for their workpeople at which goods could be purchased at a little over cost price. The profits could be divided among the workmen. This, too, broke down. In New England the co-operative stores are generally successful. One cause of this is the superior attractions held out by the ordinary grocery store in America. In the first place ready money is not only not asked for, but long credit is given. Then spirits are usually sold in such shops, so that the family marketing may be carried on over the convivial glass. The co-operative store is obliged to do business in a more rigid fashion. Co-operation in whaling or piloting enterprises is found to pay.

We are requested by the Stipendiary Magistrate to state that in his reference to the English Postal Laws he did not decide whether they had force in this Colony or not; and that he merely referred to them as bearing upon the question at issue, should a similar prosecution be instituted in the future. Whatever may have been the intention of Mr. Pemberton it is quite evident that his decision was based upon the English and not upon the local statute. Under the latter the defendant's acquittal was certain, because the complainant failed to prove the carriage of the letter; and the reference to the English Act was not only unnecessary but in the face of previous decisions of high judicial authority, unfortunate.

**AN APPEAL TO THE BENEVOLENT.**—The late Capt. Greenwood, who was struck down suddenly, leaves a desolate widow and eight children who are entirely unprotected. The breadwinner has been taken from them without a moment's notice and they are left helplessly dependent on the kind offices of a few friends. We cannot imagine a case in which human sympathy and aid are more loudly called for, or where the proverbial generosity of our citizens will find a more befitting opportunity for acting good Samaritans. We trust that some of those ladies who have so often come forward and distinguished themselves in acts of charity will volunteer their aid to succor a bereaved sister and her little children.

**MR SEWARD AND PARTY** will arrive here in the Active, which is due to-day or to-morrow. We presume the comfort of the distinguished gentleman will be duly attended to by his countrymen, and Britons might well join in showing a slight mark of respect to a statesman who has filled so important and honorable a page in his country's history.

**MISS MILLS' SCHOOL.**—This school was examined yesterday. Present, Rev Messrs Jones, Somerville and Russ and other friends of the school. Twenty pupils were examined in arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, drawing and reading. The scholars presented a good appearance and acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the examiners.

**THE ORIFLAMME.**—This steamship, with the Congressional party on board, arrived at Port Townsend at a very early hour yesterday morning, where she took on board a pilot and sailed at once for Seattle, Steilacoom, Olympia and Nanaimo. At the latter port she will take in about 300 tons of coal for San Francisco, and will reach this port about Monday next.

**FROM NANAIMO.**—The schooner Black Diamond arrived from Nanaimo yesterday morning, with a cargo of black diamonds for the supply of the French ship l'Estree. Capt. Rudlin reports a heavy fall of rain at Nanaimo on Monday. The Shooting Star was under the shute when the schooner sailed, loading for San Francisco.

**HOLLADAY CITY.**—A map of this new claimant for the railroad terminus was shown us yesterday at Mr Franklin's rooms. The town is situated near Olympia and possesses every requisite for a commercial depot—good anchorage and fine harbor, and beautiful site.

**MR THORNYCROFT'S** colossal statue of the Queen is now ready. It represents her Majesty in half military costume, such as she used to wear when visiting the camp at Chobham with the Prince Consort. It is 14 feet high, and will be placed in front of St. George's Hall, Liverpool.

**SIR EDWIN LANDSEER** has sold his great work in the Academy—the "Swannery invaded by Sea Eagles," to the Marquis of Northampton, for four thousand guineas. Mr. Millais' portrait of "Vanessa" has found a purchaser at the price of £700.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works will visit the settlements very shortly for the purpose of inspecting the roads with a view to placing them in a state of thorough repair.

A SUBSTANTIAL new crosswalk was yesterday laid from Mr Lumley Franklin's auction room to the opposite corner of Commercial and Yates streets.

**PROFESSOR AGASSIZ** says that fish is a kind of food which refreshes the system, especially after intellectual fatigue. There is no other article that supplies the waste of the head so thoroughly as fish diet; and the evidence of it is in the fact that all the inhabitants of the sea shores, the world over, are the brighter population of the country. Fish contains phosphorus to a large amount, a chemical element which the brain requires for growth and health.

**THE STEAMER COLVAX** arrived from Port Townsend yesterday afternoon. She will await here the arrival of the Active, from San Francisco, with Capt. Blinn on board, when she will convey that gentleman to his mill on Puget Sound.

**THE BAND.**—It is proposed to invite the band of l'Estree to visit Victoria on this or to-morrow evening to perform from the Alhambra balcony. A subscription should be started to pay the cost of their coming to Victoria. The treat would be one seldom enjoyed by our residents.

The report that John Hart, of Comox, has been murdered by Indians, is believed to be incorrect, the sloop Alarm in which he was engaged in trading having been spoken by the Otter a week subsequent to the date on which he is said to have lost his life.

The Enterprise, Capt Swanson, sailed for New Westminster yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. She took a small freight and about twenty passengers. Among the latter were Messrs Barnard, H Nelson, Lacbappelle and Capt Fleming.

A CORRESPONDENT of *The Ripon* (Wisconsin) *Commonwealth* gives the number of clover seeds in a bushel. He counted the seeds in one ounce, and found 17,300. In one pound there would, therefore, be 276,800; in one bushel, 16,608,000.

A FAULT in the cable connecting San Juan with Fidalgo Island, prevents telegraphic communication north or south.

The base ball match between the Olympics and the Dominions will commence at 2½ o'clock this afternoon, at Beacon Hill.

The Beaver started North yesterday to resume her surveying duties.

## Mr. Seward.

**EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.**—Will the Secretary of State for the United States be allowed to come and go as Major-General Thomas was allowed to come and go—without the slightest notice being taken of his presence amongst us by the gentlemen who are now provisionally filling the highest colonial offices and drawing the highest colonial pay? Cannot a dinner or a picnic be arranged in honor of the distinguished visitor? One who has always proved himself a consistent friend of Great Britain.

JOHN BULL.

## The Fanatics of Willis' Rooms.

(From the Spectator of June 12.)

A good many Peers and other gentlemen dined together at Willis' Rooms on Wednesday, to persuade each other that the present House of Commons is a sort of Irish bull, made simultaneously by the United Kingdoms, in sympathy with each other, and the House of Lords the true representatives of the people,—so made by a sort of divinely pre-established harmony, unexampled if not miraculous, and certainly quite without precedent in the political history of our nation. In this they appeared to attain a certain moderate success; but not one quite so complete but what the stronger heads amongst them had an uneasy feeling that there was something rotten at bottom in the convictions so strongly expressed. The Bishop of Derry (Dr. Alexander) betrayed, we think, his suspicion that there was some unreality lurking in the mutual assurances of the noble lords and right reverend prelates, that the Peers are supported by a great majority of the people of England, when he remarked, reflectively,—and shall we not say by way of laying the ghost of a fear haunting his own mind?—that the words "Church and State" (of course in relation to Ireland) "went up to the throne of God not in the accents which men shouted over their cups, but in the accents in which they breathed them in their prayers." Evidently the right reverend prelate would have felt easier in his mind if he hadn't seen the wine-cups (wine-cups, we have observed, is rhetorical for wine-glasses) before him, and had not observed that the words "Church and State" were being uttered then at least by not a few gentlemen in the accents which men shout over their wine-cups, and not in those in which they are accustomed to breathe their prayers. The Bishop felt that a good deal of their confidence might possibly be due to the "wine-cups," so he immediately reassured himself by saying it was not the wine-cups. Just so the timid butler, after the burglary in *Oliver Twist*, when he finds all his courage and the courage of his companions oozing away, intimated that it wasn't the sight of the burglar with his pistol which cowed them all, but the necessity of climbing over the gate which had cooled the wonderful heat of their pursuit. Dr. Alexander is just in the same state of mind. "It isn't the wine-cups," he soliloquizes, "it's the intense depth of our spiritual feelings which gives us such a glow as we pronounce the words 'Church and State.'" But how did it occur to the right reverend gentleman that it wasn't the wine-cups? Evidently through a restless feeling that perhaps it was,—in which we are disposed to concur with him.

For no one can read the reports of

the various speeches at Willis' Rooms and not see everywhere the eagerness for that facetious encouragement for which uneasy men plead with each other by every inflexion of the voice and every turn of the style. The Duke of Rutland fortifies himself in the extraordinary delusion—or the dreamy character of which he is evidently more than half-conscious—that the House of Lords represents the people and the House of Commons not, by adding for his own comfort that at least the House of Lords has a right to speak its own mind openly about those very useful members of its own assembly,—the Irish Bishops,—of whom the Bill proposes to deprive it. Here his Grace evidently feels on comparatively firm ground. He is quite aware that the country has expressed as yet no opinion,—probably will never care to express an opinion,—as to the merits of the legislative character of the Irish Bishops, as elements in the House of Lords. He can dilate on that without insisting on the paradox that a hereditary assembly has a secret national inspiration of which an elected assembly, and a quite recently elected assembly, cannot boast. The only defect of that invaluable argument from the preciousness of the Irish Bishops to the House of Lords, is that the Duke of Rutland evidently thinks so very much more of the preciousness of the House of Lords to the Irish Bishops. He insists on not being able to give them up, just as England or America insists on not being able to give up political refugees,—not that these countries really cling to the refugees for the strength added by such refugees to their counsels, but that this is a polite and respectful mode of lauding them their aegis. The Duke of Rutland no doubt loves the Irish Bishops with a fond political love—for the moment. But would he find the House of Lords as blank without his Grace of Armagh, or Dublin, or the Bishop of Killarney? When he makes it a matter of political privilege for the Lords themselves whether they can or cannot bear to be parted from the two or three Irish who adorn their deliberations, we think even he himself could scarcely deny that he is making rather a strategic use of the right reverend Irishman, than avowing his real object. Had the Bill been one depriving the House of Lords of the assistance of these worthy persons without disestablishing or disendowing the Irish Church, we should scarcely have had the Duke of Rutland presiding over those "wine-cups," to which the Bishop of Derry made that eloquent but, we suspect uneasy allusion.

But the signs of weakness—the indications that these valiant recommenders of valiant deeds are not really easy in their own minds as to the plans of which (with the assistance of wine-cups, for we observe, that even at Westminster the popular meeting convened to hear Mr. Gathorne Hardy encourage the Lords, was again a banquet) they talk so loudly, are by no means confined to the speeches of one or two of the remonstrants. Almost all these valiant persons feel compelled to refer to the elections in Dumfriesshire and Stafford as signs that the country is changing its mind though they might just as well refer to the elections in Paris and Marseilles for that purpose. In Dumfriesshire everyone knows that the Liberal triumph in November was a surprise, and that when the battle had to be fought over again with full time for the application of the landlord's screw, there was but little chance for the Liberals. That victory, at all events, had just as much reference to the Irish Church Bill as it had to the financial statement of Count Cambray Digny in Italy. As for the Stafford election, it is clear no doubt, that in a very corrupt and rather small borough, full of freemen, where the Tories had returned one of the two candidates before, they have now returned both—but a man must be driven to desperation for signs of reaction to regard this as one. We might as well argue that an ebbing tide had begun to flow from a ripple in a puddle on the beach which had no connection with the sea at all. Lord John Manners and Mr. Gathorne Hardy were nearer the mark when they spoke of the House of Commons as an assembly of which they are heartily ashamed, and avowed that, so far as the House of Commons is an indication of the national opinion at all, it lends not the slightest colour to the notion that the country is Conservative. It is logically far safer to take the certainly paradoxical line of asserting that the House of Lords is (by inspiration) intimately acquainted with the present temper of the country, and the House of Commons, by a sort of divine judgment, shut off from all insight into it, than to accept the elections in such places as Stafford and Dumfriesshire as omens of political feeling, when all the elections of the United Kingdom which took place six months ago are treated as entirely valueless for that purpose. We observe that the Conservatives in their despair have called in the aid of Dr. Cumming, and have allowed him to prophesy the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, though not to support his prophecy out of the book of Revelations, as he must naturally have yearned to do. Since Mr. Mr. Newdegate was permitted to argue for an alliance with the Greek Church against the Roman, and to regret that we did not seize the opportunity to ally ourselves with Russia before the Crimean war,—surely Dr. Cumming need not have been so sedulously restrained from a style of argument evidently appropriate to the occasion. We have no

doubt he could have found both the coming battle in the Peers and the Ecumenical Council in Rome, accurately foretold in the Book of Revelations, and their issues closely connected together, and we are quite certain that this style of argument would have been quite as profitable, and much more amusing, than that of most of the reverend gentlemen's colleagues.

**THE GREAT SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMOND.**—The legal interdicts of course deterred the present holders from sending to Europe the large diamond the discovery of which has given rise to so much speculation and caused so much sensation. It is reported that the diamond is to go to England in the steamer, and that it has been insured for £30,000. We have been assured that the following is a true statement of the finding of the South African Koh-i-noor. Swartbooy, the finder, who now lives at Sandfontein, on the side of the Orange River, was asked to tell all about the finding of the diamond, and thereupon he, pointing to the opposite bank of the river, said,—"Do you see the hill there, about 300 yards from the river, with the hut on it?" "Yes," Swartbooy then rejoined, "That is my hut; I am a Griqua, and I was living there about two months ago, when one morning I ran out of the hut to turn some goats which were straying, and about 200 yards from the hut, on the ground, I saw a peculiar-looking stone, and on taking it up I felt convinced that it must be a diamond, although I had never seen one. I carefully put it away, and only showed it to a few mutual friends cautioning them not to say anything lest it should get to Waterboer's ears, who would claim it. Shortly after, I removed to this [the colonial] side of the river, and entered the service of my present employer. I told him I had a diamond, for which I wanted 100 goats or sheep, but I did not produce the diamond and nothing came of my offer after this. I one day gave it to my nephew and told him to take it to Sebak N'ekirk, and ask him what he would give for it. I then sold it to N'ekirk for 500 sheep 10 head of cattle and a horse." The *Colesberg Advertiser* says—"The magnificent diamond which our readers will recollect was purchased by Messrs. Lillienfeld Brothers from Mr. Van Niekirk, who bought it from a Hottentot turns out not to be the stone which has been so long in the possession of the Caffre doctor." Mr. L. L. Hoad writes:—"Mr. Emile Hoffa has this week brought in three diamonds, of which one weighs ten and a half carats, another 4½, and the third 1½ carats. Mr. Steyn, a trader, brought in a small diamond weighing 2 carats and Mr. Jacob Naudé has brought in two diamonds, weighing 3½ and 1 carat respectively. It seems as if these gentlemen hesitated to state where the above mentioned stones were found, since an embargo has been laid on the splendid diamond weighing 83½ carats, at present the property of Messrs. Lillienfeld Brothers. It seems to me that there is good intention on the part of Messrs. Grimmer, Green, Mathews, and others, yet their speculation with Captain Waterboer is a *coup d'état* in which I have no belief." It may be added to the above that on Friday last it was understood in Capetown among those likely to possess good information that the 'Albania' speculators wished to dispose of their presumed rights for £100,000—Standard.

Mme. X. told her servant to awake her next morning at six, as she had something important to do at that early hour. "Certainly, my lady," said the maid. "You have only to ring the bell, and I'll be down in a minute."

**SUBSTITUTE FOR A NEW-PAPER.**—A correspondent of an American paper says there are no daily papers published in his town, but there is a ladies' sewing meeting, which answers the same purpose.

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